

The striking feature of the debate on the budget was Mr. Robertson's reference to his companion during their unique experience as the sole representatives of the Opposition for four sessions. During the past three months, said Mr. Robertson,

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EXHIBITIONS.

When Susie spoke her little piece
On exhibition day.
In the old schoolhouse bleak and
brown
That looks down Warsaw way;
In pinfold and dangling braids
She seemed a vision sweet,
For me to worship when I sat
And shuffled in my seat.

When Susie spoke her little piece
All red and pale grew she.
With bashful and shifting glance
That saw no soul but me.
Although no word I understood,
So low her lips were,
I gathered in the thought that I
Whole audience was to her.

When Susie spoke her little piece
But that was years ago.
We're married now, and still I am
Her audience I too.
Now when she speaks her little piece
Her voice rings clear and loud;
I'd rather be a boy again
And share it with the crowd.

Can you realize how a parent
would feel on seeing a much-beloved
child paraded about as somebody
else's? If you can, you will under-
stand what were the Lounger's
feelings when in a position of honor
on the editorial page of the Toronto
Globe the other day he came across
a time product of his pen, one over
which he had spent much time and
thought to make it worthy of its
daddy. His heart, at the sight,
leaped up with pride, but alas! it
was credited to the Cranbrook Her-
ald. Thus it is that some people
work up a rep. as humorists.
Surely "Old Man" Simpson must
have been off duty. I didn't think
he would ever get down so low as
kidnapping.

With a bonspiel in full swing in
Edmonton, many curlers' stories, as
a result are going the rounds. As
is well-known, curling is one of the
few games that clergyman feel it is
not beneath their dignity to play,
though sometimes their sporting and
their ministerial instincts have a
sad struggle and they find it an
advantage to take some one along
with them to do their swearing for
them. If they haven't the advan-
tage of such a companion, they are
compelled to indulge in most pro-
fane sciences, which in addition to
affecting their spiritual welfare,
do actual physical harm.

It is told of a certain minister who
was fond of a game that one day
he made a very bad shot; that is, he
struck the winning shot of his own
side away from the tee and his own
stone went skittering after it. He
came running up the rink to the skip
and asked "What did I do?"
"Do," said the skip. "Why we went
to the devil vessel an' carried us a'
w' ye. Ah, but ye're a bonnie mon
for a skil!"

There was a Laird of Lamarkshire
who was an exceptionally keen
curler. He was a wealthy man too,
with plenty of time to indulge in
his hobby. One day he took part in
a game and one of his side was Jack
Lawrence, his chief steward, and a
handsome man in the bargain.
There developed a very critical shot,
which the Laird was anxious to have
played a certain way. It was Jack's
turn, and as he stepped up to the
hack the Laird, laying his broom
on the spot where he wanted the
stone said: "Play the broom, Jack,
an' if ye lay yer stone down there, I'll
give ye me slachter Jean." Jean
went Jack's stone on the ice and it
rattled along and stopped exactly
on the spot where the Laird pointed.
"Jack, ye're a graun' mon an' ye
can have Jean to-morrow if ye
want her." "Aweel, ye maun goe

me somethin' else than Jean, for I
hae' her already. We were married
six weeks ago at the kirk." For a
few seconds the Laird was dumb-
founded, but when he recovered
himself said: "Weel, Jack, a man
who can play a stone like that is
worthy of the bonniest lass in Lan-
arkshire, even her an' ye come an'
ye'd get five hundred pounds' wor-
m' if ye have any ludie wansers
atween ye lung' em on in the fear
of God an' a knowledge o' curling."

One of Phil May's sketches por-
trays a thin, hump-backed man in the
prisoner's dock talking to a very
mild, friendly-looking man, under
Mr. May's story of the sketch is that
the prisoner had been dragged before
the judge every few months for a
number of years.

"Your name is familiar here," the
latter now said.

"It is, your Honor, worse luck,"
returned the prisoner.

"Are you married yet?"

"Not yet, sir."

"Not yet, eh? How long is it now
that you have been single?"

"Seven years, your Honor."

"So long as that? Why in the
world haven't you got married in
all that time?"

"Because of your Honor," the pris-
oner explained, "Ann and I haven't
managed to be both out of jail at
the same time."

IN ANCIENT DAYS.

It was at the great battle of Acti-
um.

"Undone!" gasped Cleopatra,
from her position at the bow of the
ship.

"Undone!"

"Great Caesar!" signaled the
startled Antony. "Has an enemy
betrayed us?"

"Worse than that, Mark. There
are two buttons off my waist in the
back. I have just seen them in my
hand mirror and I could never think
of going through the battle in such
a condition. Ho, slaves, back to
Egypt!"

This is the real reason why the
ship of Cleopatra was seen to with-
draw from action and retreat under
full sail. Chicago Record Herald.

"I have here some vagrant verse."

"All vagrant verse gets thirty days
in a vagrant hole," declared the stern
editor. "That is, unless you can
produce your poetic license."—Louis-
ville Courier-Journal.

He used to call her "duckie"

On the honeymoon, but then—

Twelve months had hardly slipped
before.

He called her plain "old hen."

I find that the problem, which I
stated last week in regard to the
price of cigarettes under the coupon
system, the coupons from five to ten
cent, entitling the holder to an additional
box of cigarettes, has been receiving
much attention.

I am publishing two of the
replies I have received:

"Noticing your mathematical
problem re cost of cigarettes in your
issue of 20th inst beg to transmit
this as correct answer. The first 6
packages under this coupon system
would cost a man 8-1-3 cents each,
and every 5 packages thereafter 8c
each."

It is apparent how this answer is
worked out. A man buys five pack-
ages in the first place, paying 20
cents. He uses his five coupons and
gets another package. For these
six packages, he therefore pays
8-1-3 cents, but has still one
coupon left. He next buys four
packages for forty cents, uses the
four coupons thus secured and the
one he had over from his original
purchase and gets another box.
Then he has another coupon left
which he applies as before, and so
on indefinitely.

The solution looks plausible but
it fails to account for that extra
coupon, which is worth one-fifth of
a package, all along. After a man
has secured eleven packages, accord-
ing to the figures of my correspond-
ent, the cost per package should
be 8-2-11, but that doesn't reckon
the one-fifth of a package value
that he has obtained.

Or let us look at it in another way.

We have seen that the price per
package on eleven boxes, according
to his figures would be 8-2-11 cents.
But on a purchase of five more, that
is sixteen in all, the price would be
8-1-8 cents. What we want to get
is the price per box. So it is evident
that our friend doesn't give an
answer.

Then we have the following
letter, which I shall not attempt to
answer, but will leave it to the ten-
der mercies of other readers, who, I
know, are just the point of jump-
ing into the discussion.

The Lounger.

Saturday News.

Dear Sir, Much as am I pained
at your deplorable confession with
regard to cigarettes and the subtle
revelation of the particular brand
you use I must confess that the prob-
lem of the value interests me.

When the world was all agog at
("the age of Ann") I could not
summon sufficient curiosity to dis-
cuss that indelicate subject. A
lady's age is a sacred thing. It is
of interest only to herself, and I
delve deep into the pros and cons
of such a mystery was peculiarly
abhorrent to one of my sensitive
temperament. But the price of cig-
arettes is different. It is a public
matter, a burning question—a ques-

tion of practical every day finance
whose importance take its rise in
the very roots of our social fabric.

Viewed purely in the abstract, as
a remote abstruse mathematical
problem, and after consultation with
two of the foremost brains of the
local educational world, whose
conclusions are different from my
own, the value of cigarettes per
box works out at exactly 8c.

Stated clearly, succinctly and with-
out unnecessary and confusing
circumlocutions, the problem is as
follows: What is the exact value of
cigarettes per box without coupons,
whose cost is like each, when each
box contains one coupon and five
of these coupons are good for a simi-
lar box also containing a similar
coupon.

Clearly the value of cigarettes
WITHOUT the coupon is the figure
we are after.

Obviously if we can arrive at a
point where we can have in our
possession any number of boxes of
cigarettes and NO coupons we can
deduce the cost of those boxes by
the number of boxes and have in our
possession and get the answer. To
do that in practice it would only
be necessary to pay for 4 boxes
of cigarettes, have 4 coupons, and
coupons to the courteous and suave
gentleman behind the counter
together with the coupon from the
box you are getting and you go
away happy, providing your pecu-
liar taste for tobacco permits you
to smoke this coupon brand—I say
you go away happy with five boxes
of cigarettes and no coupons, which
cost you 40c. And 40c divided by
five is 8c. Q.E.D.

Of course some gentleman of a
quelling and cadaverous disposition
may say that the smiling, etc.,
gentleman behind the counter will
not enter into such a deal. If that
be so I should say at once: let him
change his tobacco store.

CALIFORNIA.

The brown man's foot is on thy
shore,
California!

His hand is at thy people's door
California!

Say, hang him one and draw his gore,
And with his face mop up the floor,
So he won't trouble you no more,
California, oh, California!

Thou wilt not cover in the dust,
California!

Thy yellow bayonet shall not rust,
California!

Remember Kearney's sacred trust
To do the Mongols up or bust,
And let them have the knock-out
thrust,
California, oh, California!

Rise, 'tis the red dawn of the day,
California!

When low browned leaders point the
way,
California!

With Grover L. Johnson in the fray,
And friends of Schmitz and Kearny,
The Japs must go, but they must
stay,
California, oh, California!

We see the blush upon thy cheek,
California!

For thou wert ever bravely meek,
California!

But lo, there surges forth a shriek
From vale to vale, from peak to peak,
Pacific calls to Bitter Creek,
California, oh, California!

We hear the old time Sand Lot hum,
California!

We hear the hoo-dlum and the bum,
California!

They call the Golden Gate to come
And join the rabble and the scum;
But will she do it? Say, by gum,
California, oh, California!

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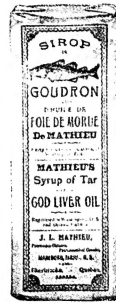
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AN EPITAPH FOR A HUSBAND-MAN.

He would start and rise
Before the crowing cocks
No more he lifts his eyes,
Whosever knocks.

He who before the bars
Would call the cattle home,
They wait about the bars
For him to come.

Him at whose hearty calls
The farmstead would again,
The horses in their stalls
Expect to find him.

Busy and lithe and bold,
He labored for the morrow,
The plough his hands would hold
Fertile in the furrow.

His fields he had to leave,
The orchards cool and dim;
The fields he used to leave
Now cover him.

Lean kindly to his side,
What roots and wandering things
Clear they creep.

Because he loved them long
And with them bore his part,
Forthright now they throng
About his heart.

Chas. D. G. Roberts.

An Afternoon In and Around Shacktown

I think I never did a braver thing in all my life than last week when I handed my Mirror over to Agnes Deans Cameron and said "Here is my little old looking glass, take it and do with it as you will, preferably though when you start to cast reflections get Edmonton into your focus."

It was a doughty act for many reasons. I know Agnes Cameron well, and I know the "fifty-seven varieties" she would string into that one article. I know people, and appreciate how welcome a change, a new pen, and as bright a wielder of the weapon as I substituted for myself, would prove. Lastly I knew Agnes Cameron could tell you something charming about yourselves, would hold that mirror for you in such a light that the sunbeams only would dance and light up your faces, while I would have to follow through endless weeks, during which the glass would get tilted this way and that, some times maybe being able to glimpse you, but not in showing up the wrinkles and the tiredness of the every day expression, when things aren't just going right.

Agnes Cameron said, "I don't mind my mirror because my mind and heart were too much busied with other things. Which is part right and part not. I think the nearest to a real reason was that I had some of the gambler's instinct to see how the thing was going to work out. And so while this very kindly ex-Vice-President of the Canadian Women's Press Club chatted with you, I stole away and played, forgot that there were such things as duties and mirrors and so forth, and ended and ended and performed my household duties with a freedom I seldom enjoy."

The day I should have been writing, I creased away behind a frothy little mug and got some froth into my lungs, and some sunshine into my heart. For oh! one grows so much of oneself in one small circle of existence.

I like to follow a well-beaten road most of the time, but then the long comes to switch off into a cross path, to freshen up a bit, left in pursuing the old and well-worn highway.

The snow nag had it pretty near her own way with us then, frocked us out north of the tracks, and in-messing in and around Shacktown. I wonder was she, too, tired of an overnice existence, and longing to have, for something outside of it all?

Up near the C.N.R. water tank we came upon a settler and a gang of men unloading his household possessions. There was a touch of Spring in the air, the cocks crowed lustily, the stable-van steamed in that comfort-able sunny home-like way, and we went to associate with prospering farm yards back east, the promise of the wildest dreams seemed realizable.

So seemed to think for four stout farm horses tied to the cattle corral as they bit playfully at each other and strained at their ropes. So seemed to feel the man in the gray's new buckskin coat as he stamped around and "bossed" the job. If the household goods themselves looked a bit perplexed. It was the old black rooster who had a little of the froggie's remark with a difference that "what is fun to you, is jolly hard work for me."

"Come down" to you, and blackened and seasoned itself in your family's service.

And to set it in a snow bank, by the side of a rail road track, in a jumble of curbs and timbers, a venerable old bed in a new and primitive land, can you wonder it stared and drew aside as it were, to question whether the "manager" had taken leave of his senses?

And the little cradle, the swaying thing that had always consoled with a rumble, belches, kees things that had saved to and fro for generation to the soft music of a woman's crooning lullaby, do you wonder that while the male part of the outfit swayed and sang aloud of hope, the sex of accomplishment and opportunity, it shrank and pined timidly about, as though to ask about it and the woman side of it were expected to take in this stern life drama.

Our tiny bundle, a brand new came, its subtile overcoat not big enough to hide its bright new paint barrels, bundles, sleighs, the pulling conglomeration that seems to be necessary to make a home. Exactly this man had an even on the comfort of his woman-folk.

Just here Sissy took an idea into her head that it was time to be off, and away she sped, the playful goose-sprouting like a sportive young kitten. In a trice we were in Shacktown, among the tents that hold the promise of the future.

Miss Cameron told us that we were a splendid strong, clear-eyed people; a womanhood working out marvels of helpful altruism. Doubtless she is right, but for my own part I see less the marvelous in our living out our well-regulated and comfortable daily lives than I perceive in the women of Shacktown ENDURING cold, hunger, and discomfort that their children may reap a harvest of plenty in the days to come. I am all of an impatience planning to arrange successfully, Five O'Clocker, while Mrs. of Shacktown, only concerned that her small family may get enough to eat, to keep both and soul alive.

And yet what bonny youngsters they are that call these tents in Shacktown home! I had some snaps of them. Four little plumpies kicking up the heels with the mere joy of living.

Another scene outside a tent with "Mary" upside down in a tub.

I remember the name of Mamma had notions when she saw my intention of snapping her daughter, of drossing Mary up, but not for me. I wanted Mary as natural, not a child sniggering to get her picture taken.

And just as I had "done" Mary, around the corner came a new friend, one I knew her name, but not essential, who wondered if I wouldn't take her "Johnny."

Why, of course I would. And so the new kiddie was hushed out of his bed, and with that charming little, sleepy look, that those of us who have babies of our own know, was held up by his proud Mater and snuggled sweetly in her arms, and then Mrs. and her hopeful wanted their "pictur" too, and so it went.

I haven't finished them yet, do I ever get time to complete anything? but when they're done, the whole small crew of them are going to appear in this looking glass, so you can be watching out for them.

HOME AND SOCIETY

To London Town from Babylon.
The paganent of the world goes by.
For you, for you, I pause and can.

A Stander-By

So Lent is really here. Glare be. Almost I had decided to hide me away a couple of weeks ago. Frankly I am tired. And yet such contrary creatures as we all are, I suppose presently I shall be looking forward to the first Easter gaudies.

Each session sees Edmonton going a merrier pace, and quite naturally with the wide expansion of the limits, and the great influx of newcomers, the work of social reporting becomes a heavier one. I know you must of your own, still I am under contract to write it. And so I have come to look on Lent as my legitimate resting time, rather than a period when I shall fast and do penance. My disciplining of the flesh and spirits when I have to remain until three of a morning to rush in an account of a dance or some other frothy frolic, which remarks of the froggie's remark with a difference that "what is fun to you, is jolly hard work for me."

Already the members of the Legislature and their wives are spending time, homewards, after a hard session's labor.

The Speaker and Mrs. Fisher leave on Saturday for Cochrane, accompanied by Miss Powell and the honny baby of the house.

I understand Mr. Victor Patton received news this week of his removal to Calgary. Another banking chance that will be sincerely deprecated is Mr. Govan's removal to his old branch in Calgary.

Between ourselves I think we Gollers were counting on his playing up well for Edmonton this year, and the Calgary to reclaim him at this stage is especially annoying. I suppose the Calgary golfers exerted their influence one can't fault these things at any rate away he goes, to our sincere regret.

Mrs. Govan, has, I understand, been visiting her son, and some one told me she was such a smart, fine-looking woman.

Mrs. Boswell and Miss Fannie Boswell of White Whale Lake, formerly of Peterboro, have been visiting Mrs. Donald Macdonald of Victoria Ave.

Mrs. Boswell returned to her home the latter part of last week, but her daughter remained over for the tail end of the season's gaieties.

Mr. and Mrs. Short and their two children, Ann and Ruth, left on Monday morning for a trip to Southey, California, possibly also, to go on to Honolulu. I understand Mr. Short will return in a few weeks' time, but his wife and the children will be away until the end of April at least.

Dr. H. C. Wilson, and Miss Violet Wilson leave for Honolulu on Sunday.

Mrs. James Biggar has been confined to her bed for the past week, being quite ill, but at the time of writing is very much better, much to her many friends' relief.

Mrs. Mowat (Bourne), contrary to expectation, did not return to the Capital on Saturday last, but is expected home this week.

Mrs. Donald W. Macdonald had an enjoyable little Five O'Clocker at "Glenora" on Monday in honor of Mrs. Constantine, when a few old-time friends of the guests of honor met and had a pleasant hour, discussing the old days and old friends.

Mrs. Macdonald received in a pretty frock of grey velvet trimmed with blue satin and touches of green silk, while Mrs. Constantine wore a navy blue and white figured silk, with white lace garniture, and a stunning black geture but that suited her to perfection.

The tea table was another golden dream of exquisite daffodils and pale green tulle on an elaborate lace-center.

Here Mr. J. H. Barnes and Mrs. Wallace Macdonald presided while Mrs. Rhodes served the teas.

Lee permitting, there will be a curling match between members of the Ladies' Edmonton Curling Club on Thursday next, and the usual fortnightly tea, probably the last of the season.

Mumps are quite shockingly prevalent in town just at present, a number of the younger set being laid up in most unbecoming fashion with their disfiguring swellings. Among the school children there has been a regular epidemic of the disease, classes being depleted, and families held up in constant dread of the contagion spreading. However "it is not to laugh" no matter how ridiculous it may sound that "Mr. his mumps. Mumps are no joke and who's to know but that you yourself may be their next victim."

His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, gave a dinner last Friday evening to the members of the Railway Commission then in session in the city. Those honored with an invitation were:

Hon. A. C. Rutherford, Premier of Alberta; Hon. C. W. Cross, Attorney General; Hon. W. H. Cushing, Minister of Public Works; Hon. W. T. Finlay, Minister of Agriculture; Hon. J. L. Mahew, chairman, Board of Commission; Mr. S. J. Maclean, Railway Commissioner; Mr. M. H. McLeod, General Manager C.N.R.; Mr. W. C. Mun, Supt. Express and Telegraphs, C.N.R.; Mr. Geo. H. Shaw, General Traffic Manager C.N.R.; Mr. D'Arcy Tate, solicitor C.T.P. Railway; Mr. J. R. Cameron, General Superintendent C.T.P. Railway; Mr. W. S. Stout, President and general manager Dominion Express Co.; Mr. E. W. Peters, asst. 2nd vicepres. C.P.R.; Mr. W. L. Langdon, asst. 2nd vicepres. P.C.R.; Mr. J. A. McArthur, M.P.A.; Mr. H. W. McKenney, M.P.A.; Mr. E. H. Riley, M.P.A.; Mr. G. H. Bab, secretary to His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor.

Hon. Frank and Mrs. Oliver entertained at a very pleasant dinner on Saturday night. Those present besides the host and hostess were Sir Frederick and Lady Gordon and Mrs. McArthur of Calgary, Mr. and Mrs. Mungath of Lethbridge, Mrs. Kitchener, Mr. Crombie, Mrs. Mandeville-Merritt of Toronto, Miss Claire Oliver, Mr. Fred Goudon, Mr. F. Scott and Mr. Harry Southam, Ottawa Free Press.

From the Fort William Herald of (Continued on page 5)

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Mr. E. W. Thomson in writing to the Boston Transcript gives a picture of Edmonton as it appears in winter, the faithfulness of which will be generally acknowledged:

"Down east, down south, in all aged parts of the continent people commonly imagine this dear north to be a region of much snow. That is wrong. The great snow belt includes Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, etc. It does not include Winnipeg, Regina, Calgary, Edmonton, between Sudbury, Ont., and Fort William the white blessing diminishes notably. It is seldom a foot deep on the Canadian prairies. In Edmonton the street cars are run without any expense for snow-shovelling, an item of great cost in Ottawa and Montreal. Here the streets are covered by a thin uniform white; no heaps from sidewalks and car tracks; sleighing excellent. Fancy a white expanse two hundred feet wide; a single row of uncommonly brilliant electric lamps down the middle as far as the eye can reach; around every lamp a prismatic halo; a million stars overhead than you ever dreamed of, and every one seeming to dilate as it sparkles; chimneys giving off a white smoke that disappears almost instantly; men and women fur-coated and largely face-covered in fur, all striding fast; footsteps crisply grinding dry, hard snow; a sense of exhilaration with every breath exhaled as a little cloud; all this in 'treeta remarkably entitled as to buildings. Well, that is a vision of Edmonton last night.

Here the people are certainly in love with their north. What good fun they have all winter—skating, curling, skiing, dancing, using the season for enjoyment; quite pitying all those who have not such a winter to be easy in, yet unfortunate deprived! It reminds us of that grief which the sailor expressed during a storm at sea for the unfortunate folks ashore who were liable to have slates and chimney pots blown about their ears in bad weather."

Edmonton is congratulating itself on the remarkably successful sales of its bonds that have been made recently. A few weeks ago \$254,000 worth of 1-1/2 per cent debentures were sold for 101.25, and this week the city went considerably better by selling \$871,000 worth at 101.41-1/4, the purchase being made by Cates, Son and Co. All this is very satisfactory and indicates that those who govern in the financial world are confident as to Edmonton's future and pleased with the manner in which it has been conducting its business. People very frequently forget what a difference the good or bad opinion of these financiers makes and act as if a city or a province or a state could go ahead and spend what money it liked, in the way it liked, and didn't need to fear results. These bond sales should impress the folly of all this quite as much as the experiences of the depression of last year and the year before did. Governments, whether civic or otherwise, should have first regard to the public interests, but in order to further these they must never lose sight of the fact that capital has rights, and that when an injustice is done to those who have made investments that affect the public, the latter will suffer as well as those against whom the unfair measures are directed.

All parts of Canada do not occupy the favorable position in financial circles at present that Edmonton does. In a recent issue of the Monetary Times, the power schemes of the Ontario Government and of the Winnipeg council are discussed. Part of the article is worth copying in view of what I have had to say in the above:

"Winnipeg," says the Monetary Times, "will shortly take a million dollar loan in the London market. This is for its proposed power scheme. Already that market is anticipating the advent of the further stock issues. Mr. W. R. Lawson the well-known financial authority, has discussed in the world's metropolis the Ontario and Winnipeg power schemes. Regarding the former, he says: 'This

dog-in-the-manger game has been going on for several years, and apparently it will go on until the Hydro-Electric Commission is ready to begin business, whether that be in one year or ten. It has taken the Commission about five years to get to the first end of its transmission line, and, at the same rate, it may require half a century to drive the last spike. Meanwhile, the private company, which for the past two years has been willing and ready to furnish power on reasonable terms, is cut out from the best part of its business, the supply of power in bulk to municipalities. If the Government had set up a bona fide competition—something of flesh and blood—the issue might soon have been settled one way or the other. But what it has done is to tie the hands of the private company and keep it waiting indefinitely for competition which as yet exists only on paper.

Referring to the Winnipeg scheme, Mr. Lawson states that the city council has been offered all the current electricity at a much lower price than the municipal supply would cost. The municipalizers are pretty harmless, he adds: "as the invitation which Winnipeg sent all over Canada and United States to tender for an electrical loan did not produce a single response." Therein is an unhappy heralding of the stock market in London. We are concerned little with the individual cases of Winnipeg or of Toronto. But these are flagrant cases two of many which will in time have a bad moral effect on the world's money markets so far as Canada is concerned. The investor abroad is as well and often better informed of things Canadian than are many at home. They have no respect for political engineering, especially when it interferes with the proper conduct of proper finance. Canada is not entitled to ask for large sums of capital unless it can guarantee proper safety and consideration to the trust it receives."

Edmonton has gone in for an extensive policy of municipal ownership. Capitalists don't object to that, so long as it sees that the various enterprises are being well-managed. What it does object to is a policy by which a municipality by its competition tears down a private business fabric, that foreign capital has entered into the building of. This involves economic waste and cannot be expected to receive the support of the financiers, on whom we depend. This is a point, in connection with the future development of the city's policy, that should be constantly borne in mind.

I regret that pressure on the space of the Saturday News this week makes it necessary to hold over references of mine to the annual meeting of the Board of Trade and other matters of great interest.

IN THE ATHLETIC WORLD



All week long the curlers have been at it early and late on Edmonton and Strathcona ice and at time of writing there is no question about the success of the bonspiel. As none of the events are yet decided when this department is being prepared, extended reference to them is held over for another week.

The Edmonton hockey players have returned from their successful tour to Nelson. It was won by 6-5 in the first and 8-4 in the second, and the reports indicate that the teams were well matched, as might well be expected when it is considered that Nelson had the two Patrick boys as a nucleus. On the way back, Calgary was taken into camp by 5-0.

It is announced from Calgary that Mr. J. A. McLaughlin is in communication with Earl Grey, making arrangements with the governor-general to provide a handsome hockey trophy to be competed for by the three provinces, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. The trophy would be known as the Grey cup, and resembling the Stanley cup, the hockey, want the Minto cup does in

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house, or the Stanley cup in eastern hockey circles. The Grey cup would be competed for by municipalities on rules similar to those which govern the Stanley cup competitions.

Whether the scheme will appeal to Earl Grey or not, cannot say. But it should be remembered that the Stanley Cup was never intended to apply to hockey of the kind now played by the clubs who now compete for it. When Lord Stanley was in Canada, it was the strictly amateur game that he became one of the first patrons of and it was to encourage this that he offered the trophy which bears his name.

Writing in London Nation, Mr. E. W. Smith illustrates in a very interesting manner that the so-called degeneracy of athletics is not a strictly modern development. He gives a free translation of the story of a foot race, told in the fifth book of Virgil's Aeneid, as follows:

"Among the many competitors in the race five only need be mentioned. These five were Nisus and Euryalus (bosom friends), Salus, Helymus and Dioreas. The special prizes offered for competition were three and three only. "When very near the goal Nisus, who had led from the start and was far ahead of the second man, Salus, slipped and fell in a patch of mud. Having lost his chance of winning and observing that Salus was well in front of Euryalus, Nisus as he rose from the mud purposely contrived to upset Salus. Euryalus started and amid deafening applause was hailed the winner. Next after him came Helymus, with Dioreas close at his heels in the third place. "Salus, who was infuriated by the Nisus had robbed him of his due by means of a dirty trick. The audience, moved, it would seem partly by the tears and partly by the beauty of Euryalus, took Euryalus' part to a man. Dioreas, whose right to the third prize obviously depended on the exclusion of Salus, made himself conspicuous by the vehemence with which he backed the silent and tearful Euryalus.

"The umpire decided against Salus, but consoled him with an extra prize. Thereupon Nisus urged that his claim was at least as strong as that of Salus, so to Nisus also an extra reward was given. "One would like," says Mr. Smith, "the candid opinion of a dozen English public schoolboys on (1) the umpire's decision, (2) the tears of Euryalus, (3) Euryalus' consenting to accept the first prize, (4) the action of Nisus in deliberately upsetting Salus, and (5) the vehement clamor of Dioreas."

There will be a meeting of the All Saints' Football Club on Thursday, March 4, in the school room. All those interested are cordially invited.

Note and Comment

(Continued from page 1)

there had been a change in the attitude of the member for Rosbush. "The reasons for the change," he added, "it is not necessary for me to point out to the members of this Legislature. They can draw their own conclusions."

Mr. Hiebert, when it came to his turn to speak, asked for an explanation, when Mr. Robertson said: "I did not intend to convey the meaning that Mr. Hiebert was purchased or anything like that. If I left that impression on the House, I wish to apologise to the member for Rosbush."

But what other impression could have been created? Who will say that the words, as they stand, do not convey an insinuation? They are strictly in line with what is being said on the street. We hear a lot of talk about the desirability of assuming an independent attitude on public questions and the folly of being bound by party ties, but just as soon as a party man does shape his course according to what he considers the public interest and without regard to the immediate future of his party, he is exposed to the attacks that Mr. Hiebert is now

being made the object of. The member for Rosbush has since 1905 discharged a very trying duty to the province and to his political associates in a manner which reflects credit upon him, particularly when it is considered that he was wholly new to the responsibilities of his situation. Now after being in close touch with the government's work, realizing to what extent that work is redounding to the advantage of the province and how much it should be able to accomplish if it is allowed to carry out its programme for the next four or five years, he comes out frankly and says that he hopes it will be returned. His attitude is that of the ordinary man whose welfare is tied up with that of Alberta, and who is a citizen first and a politician afterwards. Mr. Hiebert knows better than most men that for provincial purposes the Conservative party has been out of business for nearly four years and that any opposition which is being offered by the government is being raised simply for the purposes of opposition.

The Premier's announcement of the railway policy, as a result of which the Province will receive the railways that it absolutely requires to develop its potentialities, came too late in the week to comment upon at length. A decidedly valuable contribution to the subject appears in another column of this paper from a special contributor.

Anarchists in London

The anarchist body in London consists chiefly of foreign artisans, employed for the most part as cabinetmakers, tailors, electricians, shoemakers and waiters. These men as a rule are in receipt of good wages and contribute freely to the cause. Their clubs, meet in Soho, Hammersmith, Tottenham, in the East End of London and some other places. Their numbers in London may be estimated at from 700 to 1,000, but it is, of course, difficult to calculate the numbers of an organization which is of such a nebulous and shifting character. Nor is it suggested that among this number can be found many to undertake the active and dangerous task of committing outrages in society. Nevertheless, at appropriate times the money and men are always forthcoming in anarchist circles. As to the money, it must be forgotten that the movement is not a secret to be kept, and instead of being looked upon as a criminal outlaw he was regarded as a hero. Furthermore, his example was followed by others. It was to be remembered that one of the most cherished ideas of the Walsall anarchists was the use of chloroform in the robbery of capitalists; indeed a bottle of chloroform for this purpose was actually found in possession of one of the prisoners. The proposal was that men known to possess money or valuables should be followed into railway carriages or when going home at night, and chloroformed and robbed.

This may seem strange in this country, but the device is much employed in robberies on the continent. The Latvian revolutionists in England, who reside in Leytonstone, Tottenham and the East End. They are well known for the method of terrorism they employ. Within the last two years these revolutionaries have been engaged on a campaign of robbery in

Russia similar to the recent outrage in Tottenham, the proceeds being devoted to the funds of their party.

In spite of much discussion and notwithstanding the numerous outrages which have been committed practically nothing has been done by the police authorities of Europe in the direction of combined action for the prevention of anarchist crimes. The police conference in Rome contributed little to the solution of the problem of mutual assistance, which indeed seems little likely to be solved.

In this country, the police keep in touch with the movement by patient and long continued surveillance. Those known or suspected to be dangerous anarchists are closely watched and their movements are carefully notified. New arrivals from the Continent thus come early under observation, and their haunts are discovered. The police in England, however, are under a serious disadvantage as compared with their foreign confreres, inasmuch as they may not legally interrogate the newcomers, and when once a foreigner has arrived in this country he is at liberty to travel when and where he pleases.

On the Continent, of course, a different system prevails. The traveler has immediately to fill up the hotel bulletin, giving his name, age, nationality, occupation, place of birth, etc., to the police. If this is not considered satisfactory the individual may be immediately held before the police officials,

by whom his civil is carefully noted, and he is subjected to a searching and thorough interrogation. London Times.

THE LOVE LETTER.

She took it from the postman with a nervous, trembling hand. A sort of trepidation she could hardly understand.

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But because she was a woman with a gentle woman's heart.

She yearned to feel the ranking, by herself, of Cupid's dart.

Alone beside the window she observed the dainty square.

Addressed, as is the custom, with an eye deluding care.

She smiled to think how useless was this effort of his hand.

When, of course, the sweet enclosure was by him and for her planned.

With thrillings still reluctant she at last removed the seal.

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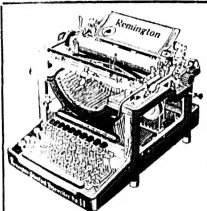
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The Railway Policy

"A Reader" writes:
The action of the Alberta Government in granting assistance to railway companies for the construction of new lines in various parts of the Province is not likely to arouse hostile criticism. It may be that the methods adopted will be open to comment in some particulars, but there is no room for a division of opinion with regard to the general principle. There are those who believe that as the railways are regulated by Federal authority, the Dominion as a whole should bear the burden entailed by the aids which are granted the promoters. There is much to be said in favor of this view, especially when the subject is considered from a theoretical standpoint, but Alberta today faces conditions, not theoretical, and the lines must be built at the earliest possible time, and every month of delay means that great opportunities are being lost to the Province. The Dominion Government had declared its unwillingness to include subsidies for railway construction in its programme of legislation for the present session, which means that nothing will be done at Ottawa in 1909 to relieve the difficulties which confront Alberta through the lack of sufficient transportation facilities. The Government here cannot afford to wait until the Federal Cabinet changes its mind. Effective action involves a readiness to act quickly and no time. If the authorities at Ottawa should decide later on to resume their grants for railway construction, this Province may have an opportunity of diminishing its activity in that connection for a time. The decision to go ahead means the loss of the most comforting features of the Government's course. The charter-mongers, as a class, can run a community or a Province more quickly than people would suspect. They typify the greed for gain, and they are only interested in a Province to the extent of being curious to know how it may be bled. The history of railway construction in this continent has been marked by hundreds of scandals in connection with the securing and subsequent disposition of railway charters. Alberta may congratulate herself on the fact that she will evade any "development" of that kind. The public and which is being granted will go only to those companies or promoters who mean business. There is abundant opportunity for genuine construction work, and the Government is well advised when it decides to continue its attention and assistance to that branch.

The practice of guaranteeing hands seems to be the modern way of assisting railway companies, and it is probably the best, from the standpoint of public economy, which has been devised. The time will come when simple permission from the Legislature will be sufficient to induce private capital to undertake construction, and Government aid will not even be asked. In other words, the millennium will have arrived. For the present, the chief concern is to obtain the co-operation of railway companies at the smallest cost to the public treasury. It has been pointed out many times that Manitoba made a good bargain in its agreement with the Canadian Northern Railway, by which the bonds of the latter were guaranteed by the Government. Since this arrangement was made about seven years ago the Province has not been called upon to contribute a dollar in interest on bonds. Results of a similarly favorable character may be expected here.

The writer refers to Lincoln's untimely death as "one of the disasters of history" and asks: "What would Lincoln have done with the South?" Of two things we may be sure. Though he could not have changed his official doctrine he would have put the idea of suppression of slavery as much out of sight as possible, putting as far as possible the idea of re-union, and he would have sought counsel from the Ku Klux, and made the situation almost desperate. Lincoln's favorite solution for the negro problem had been colonization, but Mexico and Liberia declined, and it must be owned that the example of Santo Domingo or that of Liberia is not one to brag. Whether Lincoln would have given the negro the ballot seems doubtful. He had at one time discarded any idea of putting the negro on a level with the white, seeking for him only the right of voting, the bread he earned and the protection of the law. He certainly would not have taken the worst course of all, that of giving the negro the ballot, thus acknowledging his right, and then to deprive him of it filling him with the sense of wrong.

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LITERATURE

"Lincoln never showed bitter feeling against England. He had sense enough to know that there must be differences of opinion in that country as well as in his own. He must have seen what everybody on the spot well knew, that the British Government was striving under the most trying circumstances to preserve a strict and honorable neutrality. He must have known what England was suffering by deprivation of cotton. He could hardly expect that while he was proclaiming slavery to be a secondary, all England would assume it to be the primary subject of the war. Mr. Forbes, of Boston, who was in England at the opening of the war, noted that some of those who sympathized with the North was afterward the strongest at first held back. He points to the present writer as one of these. The hesitation arose not from lack of anti-slavery feeling or of sympathy with the North, but from suspicion that the war was a mistake, and that the best thing would be to unite Canada with the North, let the South go under a pledge against re-enslaving in the slave trade, and get the independence of Mexico guaranteed by the powers. Lincoln afterward received addresses from bodies of British workmen whose trade was suffering from the loss of cotton and hailed them with the most fervent praise and gratitude. The best speech ever heard was made in favor of the North to an enthusiastic multitude in an English hall by John Bright.

"To rid the American colonies of her dangerous French neighbor England had conquered Canada. She had no doubt looked for the expressed attachment of the thoughts of Mr. Samuel Adams and his circle began to take a Republican turn. During an eclipse of Chatham an unwise minister had in an import duty, petty but odious and probably unconstitutional, upon the colonies. One hour ofatham returning to power would have set all right. But the tax, the spirit of independence being awakened, was resented with a violence so insulting to the Government that George III. being King, it brought on war. The French Government, to revenge the loss of Canada, took part on the American side, thereby hopelessly ruining its own finances, compelling it to call the States General and bringing on the French revolution. The emancipation movement in England was already on foot. Wilberforce and Pitt, then an emancipationist, were at hand, and the American colonies might have come under the imperial act of emancipation. Political separation there must in a short time have been between the two branches of the English-speaking race on opposite sides of the Atlantic, but otherwise they might have remained one.

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ence or ministration. In his later years, under the pressure of his anxieties and his craving for divine aid and guidance, he became a very devout theist, praying on every occasion for divine aid and giving a religious due to all his manifestos. He never joined a church, nor, as it seems, did he declare himself a Christian. But he went so far as to conjure a sceptical friend to take all that he could of the Bible on reason and the balance on faith. He might have found it difficult to say what was meant by 'faith' as distinct from 'reason.' There is no doubt, however, that he found support in his belief for that it added elevation to his character. In explanation of his absence from church membership he said: 'When any church will inscribe over its altar as its sole qualification for membership the Saviour's condensed statement of the substance of both law and gospel, 'Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind, and thy neighbor as thyself,' that church will I join with all my heart and all my soul.'

Announcement by Mr. May.

Having been asked by many of my friends to offer myself as a candidate in the Liberal interests in the coming Provincial Campaign, I wish to say that I will offer myself to the Convention as a candidate.

I thank my friends for their support.

CHARLES MAY.

A Beethoven Night.

(From the Spectator).

Music awaits you. Let it melt Round aching heart and weary sense, Like night dew on parched summer grass, Cool fingered with beneficence. Is the soul choked, the heart oppressed With hopes unspoken, failed, denied? Adelaida sweeps you free Full flood on love's impassioned tide. Does truth seem cold. Truth cloak his face? Hark! Lenora's faith dars all: Oustings the shadow even where Death Races the rescuer's call.

Is life too heavy, sense made dumb With the old questioning "To what end?" Grief taught, the Master too heard Fate Knock at the door yet would not bend.

Those summoning notes that high and low Now leap in surge, now ripple by, As though the inexorable should smile And say: "Love too and light am I."

These you shall hear to night begin The symphony's splendor; then half drowned In beauty, pierce the charmed ear, Whispering the Infinite in their sound.

Fate knocks - you hear? - serenely stern, Bars and unbars the Master knew And from her strength the harmonies A sustenance immortal drew.

He knows, he felt - and in his hand Music became no weakling toy, But resolute and strong bade man Mingle Necessity and Joy.

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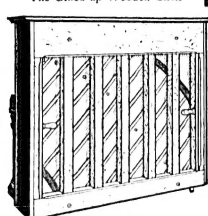
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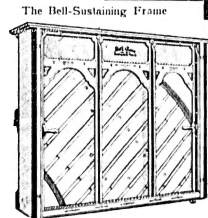
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that I must confine my descriptions to a concise statement.

Notably admired and a very much sought after partner, was Miss T. J. W. W. W., a graceful, charming girl in an "au de Nile" Directoire gown with silk embroidery and gold tassel trimming; two other out of town guests who were charged a "perfectly lovely" time were Miss Moxham of Lethbridge, Miss Jessie Belcher's guest, whose radiant happy manner and piquant little face have left their impression on more than one gallant heart, and Miss Rant of Vancouver, a tall striking looking girl, with lovely brunette coloring, who was simply frocked in white. The Misses Cobbett, but recent comers from the Coast, are quite remarkable examples of brunettes and blonde types in the one family. Miss Cobbett, being extremely fair and frocked in a dainty pink figured silk organdie, and her sister, who is decidedly one of the belles of the Capital, having beautiful dark hair and eyes and exquisite coloring. On Thursday she wore a pretty yellow sprigged gown with touches of orange tulle on the bodice and in her collar. Miss Almon, who is also I understand, visiting in town, had on a lovely embroidered pale blue empire gown, which became her unusually well.

Among the town guests I noticed: Miss Kate Boucher in pale blue with real lace bertha; Miss Babbitt, one of the belles, in striped and pink satin; Miss Cook of Belleville, in a handsome pink gown; Miss Mary Harris in white; Miss Norah Campbell in pale blue with quantities of Yul lace and intricate detail; Miss Filly looking extremely well in black, with a wreath of smilax in her hair; Miss Jackson in white point d'esprit; Miss Kathleen Puce in pink satin; Miss Patter also in the same becoming shade in an embroidered null; Miss Bessie Scott, one of the prettiest and most unaffected of the younger set, in a dainty frock of white point d'esprit with a filmy lace bertha; Miss Eleanor Taylor, who never looks better than in a ball gown, in white net over chiffon; Miss Evelyn Murphy in pale yellow point d'esprit; Miss Merrill in a pink Liberty princess gown; Miss Pilot in blue; Miss Perkins in blue satin Directoire; Miss Sweden in white silk; Miss Reid in white organdie and Dresden shawl; Miss Henderson in white beaded satin with a corsege longuet of violet; Miss York in blue; Miss Richardson in pretty blue figured organdie, pale blue ribbons in her hair; Miss Fitz Macdonald in a handsome pink satin frock; Miss Alice Cameron in white with touches of pink; Miss McDonald in lovely white dotted net; Miss Annie in pale yellow dotted chiffon with white carnations in her hair; Miss McLean in rich white satin, and white mums in Japanese fashion in her collar; Miss Jessie Belcher in white crepe de chine; Miss Joseph Perkins also in white; and Miss Stout in a lovely white satin frock.

I believe the supper was delicious though I did not stay for it, the refreshments being so abundant and having the grace of being home-made, and Mr. Babbitt, I understand, was kind enough to furnish the music, so that the substantial sum realized is clear profit and not those ambitious "Japanesers."

Mrs. Constantine who has been the raison d'être of scores of happy functions since she came to the Capital at the opening of the Legislature as Mr. Buley's guest, later visiting Mrs. Bock and Miss Worsley, spent Thursday at Fort Saskatchewan the guest of Mrs. Chas. Albert at the barracks, and returning to town on Friday, left the same evening, much to everyone's regret, for her home in Maple Creek, Sask.

On Thursday afternoon Mrs. D. L. Scott was the hostess of a very smart tea, when contrary to custom all the tea room arrangements were in charge of the younger set, Miss Violet Wilson and Miss Kate Boucher presiding at a beautifully arranged buffet table, a central vase and four smaller ones making a great blaze of gold over the hospitable board. Assisting in looking after the guests who sat comfortably filled the cosy rooms, were: Miss Tilley, Miss Rhodes, Miss Norah Campbell and Miss Gifford.

Mrs. Scott and Miss Scott received the guests, giving each that whole

hearted welcome for which the house is noted and Miss Bessie Scott in a dainty girlish white frock was a pretty assistant hostess.

Among the guests I noticed Mrs. Kelly, who had just come home from abroad on Monday, looking very handsome in a stunning grey silk, fur-lined cloak and a huge black hat with magnificent shaded grey plumes.

A special meeting of the entertainment committee, having in its midst the "Hospital Fair" was held on Monday, Feb. 22nd, with Mrs. Woods, convener, in the chair. Much satisfactory progress was reported towards the work of the mammoth bazaar. In addition to the booths already mentioned, Mrs. Hardisty, Miss Hughes and Miss Haudane have undertaken a book booth which is to have various delightful items in the way of pictures, a post office, etc. Mrs. Riddell and Mrs. Duncan Marshall are in charge of "everything for the babies." An appealing booth, surely!

In fact, you are asked to remember that there is room for everything and everybody and that a little work for us. If you should happen to be one of those not specially requisitioned already, won't you join the proud army of the volunteers.

Some of those in charge of booths asked at the meeting for small loans from the L.H. Aid for their initial expenses while other energetic souls were already raising the necessary first funds—as Mrs. Ellis and her supporters, who have been serving hot tea and coffee to the bidders, and Mrs. Farquharson and Mrs. K. B. McKenzie with their very successful dance, held last Tuesday. Some slight alterations have been made in some of the booths. Mrs. Harwood and Mrs. Slocow have undertaken a hat booth, while the housekeeper's stall is in charge of Mrs. Chas. May and Mrs. Brown; also there will be a flower booth in charge of Mrs. Dawson and Mrs. Campbell.

Mrs. James Smith and Mrs. Stinson will receive in the future the third Wednesday only of each month, not on the first and third as up to the present.

Mrs. Bishopie will not receive during the month of March.

A great many loving congratulations are finding their way to Mrs. Cole, to whom a little son was born on Thursday morning.

Mrs. Winnifred Macdonald of Winnipeg left on Wednesday for Edmonton, where she will be the guest of Mrs. Hyndman.

Where the Shops Beckon

I heard Te razzini sing one afternoon this week. Te razzini, of course, being London and American well-nigh gone music mad, incidentally Melba furnished a number on the programme, Caruso another, and last but not least the great soprano, Melba, most glorious of all to my mind, Caruso's, with its startling range and heavenly quality. Even so, and I heard them to all intents and purposes quite as clearly as if these incomparable ones had stood in the actual flesh before me, because with the vast strides that have been made in the world of music, the Pollock Hornless Talking Machine, combined with magnificent Victor records, have reduced space to a mere nothing, have so caught the actual tones of the human voice that it is almost impossible to believe that the artists themselves are not in the same room, instead of beyond seas, and removed by thousands of miles from an Edmonton audience.

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